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**Submitted Electronically**

Michael Machado, Executive Director  
Delta Protection Commission  
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**RE: FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA  
NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA**

Dear Mr. Machado,

On behalf of California Preservation Foundation (CPF), we are pleased to offer this letter of support for continuing to explore and seek designation for the Sacramento- San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area (NHA).

CPF is the only statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of California's diverse cultural and architectural heritage. Established in 1977, CPF works with its extensive network to provide statewide leadership, advocacy and education to ensure the protection of California's diverse cultural heritage and historic places.

Since 2009, CPF has been actively working with the City of Isleton to develop and approve a Historic Preservation Plan and Ordinance to preserve their National Register District and increase local heritage tourism. We have been following the progress of this study as it relates to Isleton and have discussed the positive impacts that a National Heritage Area would have in the Delta with Alex Westhoff. CPF supports the creation of a Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area to promote heritage and recreational tourism for the whole region.

National Heritage Areas have a proven success for increasing and diversifying local and regional economies. Through this designation a regional approach will be developed for this sensitive environment and allow for access to limited funds only available through this program. A Delta National Heritage Area will be unlike any other NHA in the United States which could draw National attention.

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CPF would like to offer our assistance to the Delta Protection Commission through our Field Services Program. Please let us know if you would like our assistance or if you have any questions or comments. Feel free to contact me at [jgates@californiapreservation.org](mailto:jgates@californiapreservation.org) or by phone at 415-495-0349 x 204.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Gates", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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## California Preservation Foundation: Field Services

Field Services is a brand new program offered by the California Preservation Foundation, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to provide on-site technical assistance and direct support to property owners, developers, local officials, local organizations and others with information and tools essential for successful preservation projects and initiatives.

The goal of the Field Services program is to provide assistance to communities comprised of local governments with limited time, budget, personnel and expertise to create effective preservation policies and encourage the incorporation of historic preservation into community planning through increased advocacy and education statewide.

### How Field Services Can Help?

The Field Services Director can help to:

- Assess local preservation needs;
- Coordinate alliances and develop partnerships;
- Provide guidance on solution based strategies;
- Interact locally to provide on-site assistance;
- Convene meetings, workshops, presentations, etc. to assist with advocacy and education efforts in local communities; and
- Provide linkages to consultants, informational resources, and potential financial sources.

The California Preservation Foundation also maintains close working relationships with the State Office of Historic Preservation, California State Parks, National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service and hundreds of design professionals throughout California.

*The Field Services program is made possible through the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Partners in the Field challenge grant and the generous support of California Preservation Foundation's members and donors.*

The **California Preservation Foundation** (CPF) is the only statewide non-profit historic preservation education and advocacy membership organization in California. CPF serves as an essential link in the state's historic preservation network, and emphasizes educational programs, advocacy and information exchange through a quarterly newsletter, the Preservation Design Awards, the Annual California Preservation Conference, workshops and publications addressing critical preservation issues.

Jennifer M. Gates, AICP, **Field Services Director** for CPF, is a graduate from the University of Pennsylvania with a Master of City Planning and a Master of Science in Historic Preservation. With focuses on preservation planning and community and economic development she has always had an interest in the diverse aspects of preservation. Her experience includes working for Oklahoma Main Street Center, the National Park Service National Historic Landmarks program, and in both private and public sectors with downtown revitalization and preservation planning. Most recently, Jennifer worked for the City of San Clemente, a Certified Local Government and Preserve America community, as a preservation planner.